

REPORT.

The select committee appointed by the order of the House, adopted January 23rd, and instructed to proceed to Baltimore and enquire and examine into the condition of the tobacco warehouses in the said city—the expediency of building an additional inspection warehouse—re-building or re-constructing the No. 3 warehouse, &c. beg leave to make the following report:

That in obedience to the instructions contained in the said order, they proceeded to Baltimore, and entered into an examination of the condition and affairs of the tobacco warehouses, the result of which they herewith furnish to the House: remarking, that they attentively examined the books, &c. of the different warehouses, and believe the statement presented of the internal affairs, a correct one, being compiled with great care. The buildings of the different warehouses they found to be in good condition, with the exception of one of the houses at the No. 3 inspection, the condition of which was fully represented to this House in the report of the committee on inspections, made at the last session, and to which they would refer, without embodying it in this report, for information. There is a necessity that something should be done by the Legislature, by either re-building or re-constructing the house alluded to, or by throwing both houses under one roof—of this, however, the committee will speak hereafter. The repairs, ordered at last session by joint resolution, to be done at one of these houses, and at No. 1 warehouse, have been done; and no repairs appears to be needed, or alterations to be made, except that spoken of, and the raising of the floor, and the wharf at the No. 2 warehouse. To provide for this latter, resolutions have already passed the House, to authorize the inspector at No. 2, to issue for proposals, to raise the floor of the warehouse and the wharf opposite, and thus provide against the dangers, to which the tobacco stored therein is exposed, from the rising of the waters, which has on two occasions covered the ground floor.

A heavy year's inspection has been done at the four warehouses, of which the committee herewith furnish a statement, compiled from the books, and which they present, for information, in detail; to show, at a glance, the magnitude of the inspections, and the importance of the fostering care of the State over them.